

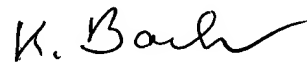
## REMARKS

The specification has been amended so as to correct the reference numeral for the filter fleece. The application should therefore be in condition for allowance.

A certified copy of German application No. 199 52 092.5 is enclosed in support of the claim for priority.

Issuance of the Notice of Allowance is solicited..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. Bach", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Klaus J. Bach, Reg. No. 26832